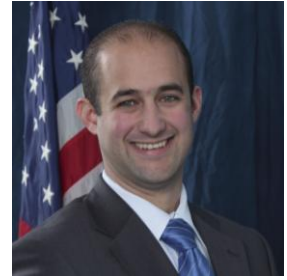


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CALARCO PROCURES FUNDING FOR LOCAL CULTURAL, HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS

*Patchogue Plaza Media Arts & Film Center, Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce
among groups to receive 2014 funding*

Patchogue, LI—Monday, November 25, 2013: Legislator Rob Calarco announced today that, through the legislative budget preparation process, he was able to obtain critical funding for several local community groups. The funding was derived from the County's Hotel/Motel Room Tax Fund, a fund which exists to promote the tourism industry in Suffolk.

Calarco secured \$25,000 for the Plaza Media Arts & Film Center to host its first-ever film festival. He also acquired \$5,000 for the St. Patrick's Day Parade organized by the Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce. In addition, the Legislator was successful in allocating \$20,000 for the Medford Chamber of Commerce's annual summer concert series.

Legislator Calarco also procured funding for non-specific purposes for other local organizations: \$15,000 for the Patchogue Arts Council, \$10,000 for the Patchogue Theater for the Performing Arts and \$10,000 for the Greater Patchogue Historical Society.

"I am proud to have the opportunity to secure financial support for groups like the Patchogue Arts Council and the Medford Chamber of Commerce. Their activities are not only

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wonderful sources of cultural enrichment for our communities; these groups are ultimately engines of economic development,” said Calarco.

The Suffolk County Legislature approved the 2014 Operating Budget on November 6th, and it was recently signed by County Executive Steve Bellone.

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Suffolk County Legislator Rob Calarco represents the 7th Legislative District which includes Patchogue, East Patchogue, North Patchogue, and Medford. Smaller portions of Blue Point, Bellport, Coram, Farmingville, Holtsville, Ronkonkoma, and Fire Island are also included in the District. He is Chairman of the Government Operations, Personnel, Housing & Consumer Protection committee, Vice Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, as well as a member of the Health Committee and the Ways & Means Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature.